# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

Roy Douville, : Civil Action No.:  $\frac{1:14-cv-245}{1:14-cv-245}$ 

Plaintiff,

v.

Lexington Law Firm, : **COMPLAINT** 

: JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Defendant.

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For this Complaint, the Plaintiff, Roy Douville, by undersigned counsel, states as follows:

## **JURISDICTION**

- 1. This action arises out of Defendants' repeated violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. § 227, et. seq. (the "TCPA").
  - 2. Supplemental jurisdiction exists pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367.
- 3. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b), in that the Defendant transacts business in this District and a substantial portion of the acts giving rise to this action occurred in this District.

#### **PARTIES**

- 4. The Plaintiff, Roy Douville ("Plaintiff"), is an adult individual residing in Waynesville, North Carolina, and is a "person" as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 153(39).
- 5. The Defendant, Lexington Law Firm (hereafter "Lexington"), is a company with an address of 360 North Cutler Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah 84054, and is a "person" as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 153(39).

#### **FACTS**

- 6. In or around March of 2014, Lexington began calling Plaintiff's cellular telephone in an attempt to solicit to Plaintiff its services.
- 7. At all times referenced herein, Lexington placed calls to Plaintiff's cellular telephone by using an automated telephone dialer system ("ATDS") and/or by using an artificial or prerecorded voice.
- 8. When Plaintiff answered the calls from Lexington, he heard a pre-recorded voice directing Plaintiff to hold for the next available representative.
- 9. Plaintiff has no business relations with Lexington and never requested by an agreement or otherwise that he be contacted.
- 10. Plaintiff never provided his cellular telephone number to Lexington and never provided his consent to Lexington to be contacted on his cellular telephone.

#### **COUNT I**

# <u>VIOLATIONS OF THE TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT – 47 U.S.C. § 227, et seq.</u>

- 11. The Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.
- 12. Without prior consent Lexington contacted Plaintiff by means of automatic telephone calls or prerecorded messages at a cellular telephone in violation of 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A)(iii).
- 13. The telephone number called by Lexington was assigned to a cellular telephone service for which Plaintiff incurs charges for incoming calls pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1).

- 14. The calls from Lexington to Plaintiff were not placed for "emergency purposes" as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A)(i).
- 15. Lexington's telephone system has the capacity to store numbers in a random and sequential manner.
- 16. As a result of each call made in negligent violation of the TCPA, Plaintiff is entitled to an award of \$500.00 in statutory damages for each call in violation of the TCPA pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B).

### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff prays that judgment be entered against Defendant:

- A. Statutory damages of \$500.00 for each violation determined to be negligent pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B);
- B. Such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

#### TRIAL BY JURY DEMANDED ON ALL COUNTS

Dated: September 15, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

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